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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 3427

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 06530.0275

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) \
Susan I. SHELSO) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/753,448)) Examiner: C. Prone
Filed: January 4, 2001))
For: EXPANSION-ASSISTING DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR SELF- EXPANDING STENT	<i>)</i>) Confirmation No.: 3427))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on May 12, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections for the reasons explained in the following **Remarks** section of this paper.